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Ricci charged for fatal crash

Police believe suspect's drunken driving caused passengers' deaths

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BOONE COUNTY — Prosecutor Todd Meyer has charged Michael Allen Ricci, 21, with causing the drunken driving deaths of

two young adults on June 30. Meyer secured a warrant for Ricci's arrest during a probable cause hearing Wednesday afternoon, and deputies arrested Ricci at about 3 p.m. Thursday.

Ricci faces four class C felonies, two counts each of "causing a death when operating a motor vehicle with an alcohol concentration of .08 or more" and "causing a death when operating a motor vehicle while intoxicated."

The charges against Ricci stem from an acci-



RICCI

dent that occurred at about 2:40 a.m. June 30, when a 2004 Jeep flipped near 6501 S. County Road 800 East, north of Zionsville. Investigators believe Ricci was driving north on County Road 800 East at a high speed when he lost control of the Jeep, causing it to leave the roadway and roll. The accident killed Shaun N. Baird, 21, Zionsville, and Allison Ann Aldin, 19, Indianapolis.

Police determined in their investigation that

alcohol was a factor in the crash, and Baird was a passenger in the back seat. But none of the occupants were wearing seat belts, a factor that initially made it difficult to determine whether Ricci or Aldin was driving.

Ricci, who has recently resided in both Lebanon and Zionsville, was transported via helicopter to Wishard Hospital in Indianapolis after the crash. According to police reports he suffered a broken arm and head injuries. His blood-alcohol level at 4:25 a.m. June 30 was

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Menus on the Map

Area restaurants among 'Dining Secrets' featured in book

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BOONE COUNTY — Five Boone County restaurants and one from Sheridan are featured in the sixth edition of "Dining Secrets of Indiana: A Guide to Unique Restaurants and Eateries throughout Indiana." The book was released this week.

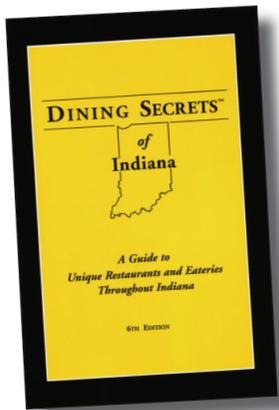
Over the years, authors Jim and Kathy Poole of Indianapolis have visited all 92 counties and driven over 15,000 miles in search of the best of Indiana's independently owned dining establishments. Their 112-page guide features 241 restaurants located along the main streets and back roads of Indiana, most family owned and chosen for their special appeal, whether it's the food, history, atmosphere, decor or some other notable trivia.

New to this year's edition are Brix Zionsville Bistro and Traders Point Creamery Café in rural Zionsville. LA Café in Whitestown makes the grade for the second time, and upscale Bijou in Lebanon also returns to the list of featured restaurants. Kathy Poole said she isn't certain, but suspects that Stookey's made the book's first edition a decade ago. Regardless of when it entered the book, the restaurant has remained ever since because of its good food and status as a Thortown landmark.

"[Stookey's] has been around forever," Poole said.

She said the purpose of the book is to

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Courtesy of Poole Publishing

Christmas in the Village returns

Annual weekend event will embrace storybook theme

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Storybooks decorate a Christmas tree in anticipation of Christmas in the Village, an event sponsored by the Zionsville Merchants Association.

ZIONSVILLE — Story books are perched on the boughs of Christmas trees in the Zionsville Village. Images of Mother Goose and other famous story characters illuminate store windows in anticipation of this weekend's "Christmas in the Village."

The Zionsville Merchants Association sponsors the annual event, this year with a "Storybook Christmas" theme.

"We decided we would take [the library fairy tale collection] a step further this year," said Carol Marquiss, one of the event's organizers.

Christmas in the Village should be extra festive, because it happens to be the same weekend as the Hussey-Mayfield Memorial Public Library's "Fairy Tale Celebration."

"It is all tied around the spirit of books," Marquiss said. "Books are not just for children."

Christmas in the Village occurs from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday and noon to 5 p.m. Sunday. Saturday's schedule will feature live entertainment all day with carolers, music, and free carriage and train rides.

Santa and Mrs. Claus arrive from the North Pole at 1 p.m. Sunday in a horse-drawn carriage. Mrs. Claus will read stories to local children. Their arrival will mark the beginning of a parade.

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Boone County Family YMCA receives large grant

Community Foundation contributes \$35k to project

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LEBANON — A \$35,000 grant from the Community Foundation of Boone County puts the Boone County Family YMCA one

step closer to its goal of building a facility on the campus of Witham Memorial Hospital in Lebanon. The YMCA accepted the contribution to its capital campaign Thursday, and it will hopefully fulfill the YMCA's goal of "Putting People in Play."

"The Boone County Family YMCA will benefit people of all ages in our community," said Brett Bayston, president of the Community Foundation of Boone County. "The Community Foundation is pleased to help the

YMCA toward reaching their goal."

The mission of the Community Foundation is "to connect people who care with causes that matter."

"The YMCA will make our community a better place to live and work," said Lisa John, executive director of the Community Foundation.

The foundation's board voted to grant \$35,000 to the YMCA because of the positive

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